MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Nil

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Peon-volunteer—Rs. 50.
Clerk-volunteer—Rs. 150.

Muslims in the Vernacular Middle School at Edappalli.

113. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Muslim students in the Vernacular Middle School (Primary and Middle School classes) for Boys at Edappalli: and

(*b*) whether an Arabic Munshi is appointed there?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 10 in the Primary and 8 in the Middle School classes.

(*b*) No.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Was there any representation to appoint an Arabic Munshi?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, both in writing and in person.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know what action has been taken on it by the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The present strength of the Mahommedan pupils in the school does not warrant the appointment of a Munshi.

MR. K. R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): For an Arabic Munshi to be appointed, may I know what should be the strength of the Mahommedan School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): In a Primary School the strength should be 25 and in a Middle School 10.

Arabic Munshi in the St. Mary's English High School at Alwaye.

114. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation to appoint an Arabic Munshi in the St. Mary's English High School at Alwaye;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken; and

(*c*) the number of Muslim students (Secondary classes and High School classes) in the said school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The manager of the school reported that he did not intend appointing an Arabic Munshi in the school as it would be very inconvenient for him to make the time-table arrangements including Arabic as a special subject.

(*c*) Middle School classes ... 24.
High School classes ... 5.

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